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Board Aspirants Air Views at ANP's Meet the Candidates Night

By Tom Shamanski

On Thursday, May 28, 1992, Associated Newspapers (publishers of *The Romulus Roman*) sponsored a Meet the Candidates Night in the cafeteria of Romulus High School. In attendance were four (incumbent Kenneth Berlinn, newcomers Debra Hoffman and Donna Lindquist-Capron, and incumbent Pat Patterson) of the five candidates vying for the two available seats; candidate Pauline Calhoun was unable to attend due to a family illness.

Although sparsely attended by the general public, the three-hour session – monitored by Van Buren Township resident, Robert Meston, who is currently seeking a seat on the bench of the 34th District Court – succeeded in spotlighting a number of key issues in the Romulus school district.

In opening remarks, Berlinn expressed his feeling that, with today's rapidly changing technology, graduating students should be prepared for the world. He later stated that the current Board members have planned the new technology programs to insure that our students are so prepared, and asked to be allowed to follow through on the job he has helped to begin.

Lindquist-Capron put settlement of the teachers' contract as her first priority, and also stated that, if elected, she would work for greater fiscal responsibility on the part of the School Board.

Citing the fact that her daughter performed poorly on the Michigan Education Assessment Program (MEAP) test – despite the fact that she is an honor-roll student – as the primary factor in her decision to seek election to the Board, Hoffman said that these standardized tests need to become a School Board priority.

Patterson also mentioned his previous service on the Board, and added that his experience would be beneficial in bringing Romulus Community Schools into the twenty-first century.

The candidates then fielded questions from *AI Post* (reporter for *The Romulus Roman*), the audience, and each other.

Contract Negotiations

Lindquist-Capron stated her belief that nothing is more important than settling the teachers' contract, since the teachers' low morale and "work to rule" policies have resulted, in many cases, in uninspired instruction and a reluctance to "go the extra mile" for students.

Hoffman stated that contract negotiations have gone on "far too long" and, consequently, have become detrimental to students' welfare.

Although the incumbents couldn't elaborate on specific issues blocking the negotiations due to their confidential nature, Berlinn did state, "Money and curriculum are not the primary issues." In defense of allegations that the School Board is "dragging its feet" in negotiations, he added, "It's important to remember that, in negotiations, both sides must agree. If they don't, then there's no contract."

Said Patterson, "We have to have affordable contracts. We've got to try to do what's in the best interest of all the people in Romulus."

Bond Money Expenditures

Since Romulus Schools enrollment is declining, Hoffman wondered why so much money is currently being spent on additions and renovations.

Patterson stated that, as a present Board member, he is "pleased with expenditures to this point." He added that, to date, all projects are being completed according to schedule and at (or below) budgeted cost figures; however, since new technological ground is being broken, he did not rule out the possibility that problems with time-frames and/or budgets may be encountered in the future.

Said Berlinn, "Our financial advisors are good and the bond money is well spent. We take the best bids, which are not necessarily the lowest."

Speaking specifically to current expenditures for heating and air conditioning, Lindquist-Capron said, "I understood that, originally, these things were scheduled for repair. Now, the Board says that repairs are not enough; they say we need new units." She pointed to this alleged change in decision as an example of the Board's failure, in her opinion, to properly investigate matters before taking action.

The incumbents denied that a previous decision to merely repair the existing systems had ever been made. Patterson defended the decision to replace rather than repair by saying, "In two years, the units will pay for themselves due to money saved in repair costs."

Berlinn added, "In the long run, it's better to replace than repair. I'd do it in my own home."

Curriculum Coordinator

Since each Michigan school district will soon be required to establish a core curriculum, the question of having a District curriculum coordinator was posed.

Patterson stated that he would like to see the District hire a coordinator who has a background in computers. This, he suggested, would make it easier to standardize both the regular and technological segments of the District's curriculum.

Romulus VFW Post 9568 Honors Fallen Comrades

By Tom Shamanski

On Saturday, May 23, 1992, representatives of Romulus' Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 9568, took part in the organization's annual tribute to deceased military veterans. Led by VFW Commander Orrin Prosser, members placed United States flags at veterans' grave sites at the cemeteries on Shook and Tyler roads.

Placing approximately 250 flags, other contributory members of Post 9568 were Dave Shiply, Chaplain; Birdie Polenz, Post Surgeon; Jack Teasdale, Trustee; Dick Teasdale, Officer of the Day; and Bill Gruden, Post Athletic Director.

When contacted later at the VFW Hall on Huron River Drive, Prosser explained that all VFW posts through-

out the Country perform this annual tribute.

Prosser, a veteran of the United States Army, stated, "We're more than glad to do it. It's a privilege to honor all the veterans in the community."

He then detailed how the Romulus post was started in 1947. In 1951, the Post was incorporated, and the members have been conducting this annual flag tribute since that time.

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This year's officer installation for the Post will be held at the VFW Hall on June 6, 1992; admission is \$5 per person. Also, Prosser wished to remind Romulus residents that the dedication ceremonies for the Romulus Veterans Memorial at City Hall will be held on July 4, 1992. □



Berlinn stated that the idea of a District Coordinator is not a new one. "We've discussed a curriculum coordinator before. Although it will be expensive, we will probably need to hire one."

Lindquist-Capron was emphatic about the need for such a coordinator. "Students can move from one elementary school in the District to another and encounter a totally different curriculum. This is wrong; they should all be the same. Without a curriculum coordinator, standardization is not possible."

Said Hoffman, "It (a coordinator) would be beneficial. The curriculum needs to be adjusted."

MEAP Testing

Berlinn said that, due to the new format of last year's MEAP test, the Board of Education anticipated a problem with the District's scores; unfortunately, by the time they learned of the changes, it was too late to do much to prepare our students for the test.

Lindquist-Capron said, "I don't think that these tests are the goal of education. We don't want students being 'taught to a test.'" She did, however, feel that improving MEAP scores should be a priority, and later suggested that this might be accomplished by using various drill techniques to sharpen student skills on particular concepts.

Said Hoffman, "When my daughter took the MEAP test, there were many concepts she had never seen before. I think it should be a priority of the School Board and the Administration to make these test scores better."

Patterson stated that Board members would do what they could to improve matters.

Gifted Students

Claiming that the District's current program for gifted students is inadequate, Lindquist-Capron said that these students are not being challenged. She pointed to what she perceives as an illogical philosophy in the way we deal with our gifted students as opposed to those students who have academic or behavior problems. It doesn't make sense, she said, to force our gifted students, who may be bored in the regular classroom, to attend their programs after school; yet take "bad students," who can least afford to lose instruction time, out of the classroom to spend time in the Intervention Room or in attending special programs. (Later, when audience member, Evelyn Hopewell, challenged her use of the term "bad students," Lindquist-Capron apologized for her poor choice of words, explaining that she had not meant to imply that the students themselves were bad; instead she was referring only to a tendency toward behavior problems.) She concluded by stating that improving our program for the gifted would probably be reflected in our MEAP scores, too.

Hoffman stated, "These students need individual instruction as well as technology. Teachers need time to do this."

Patterson supported our current program for the gifted, adding, "Our new technology will carry these students as

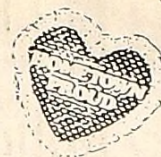
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A Crazy Notion

By Tom Shamanski

Recently, I went to see a psychiatrist. You see, for the past month or so, I had this crazy feeling that something was wrong with me mentally — I'd just been feeling too darn good. At the Doc's, I tried to explain it.

"Dr. Waggon, I have this nagging feeling of, well, acceptance, I'm afraid. Like, if things don't go my way, I can't get upset about it anymore. And, occasionally, I even feel good about myself. I just don't get it; can you help me, here, Doc?"

"Hmmm . . . example," he said.

Gratefully complying, I told him about the Friday night when I rented 36 videos for the weekend and then, getting home, discovered that my TV was broken. But, I told him, I didn't rant and rave, or even hold my breath the way a normal person would.

I was suddenly silent — my voice had been cracking and tears were welling up. I reached for his box of extra-soft Puffs. He nodded for me to continue.

Nodding back and continuing, I said, "When all this happened, I just picked up a book that someone had dropped off 20 years ago, and I . . . I actually started to read it."

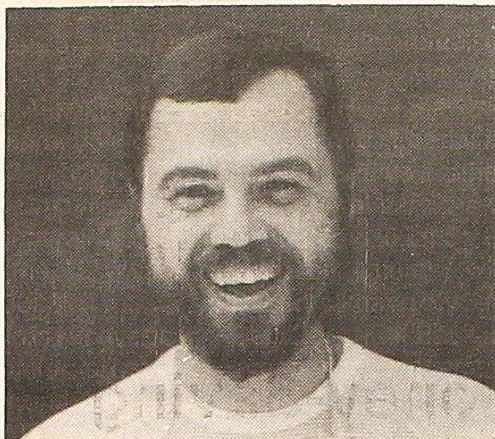
With furrowed brow and squinting eyes, Waggon asked, "A book? You read a book?"

"Yes, *darn it!* I read for the whole weekend and didn't even think about my poor TV. This is simply shattering stuff, Doc."

At that point, the Doc muttered something, but I couldn't hear him.

When I asked him to please speak up, he asked, his voice soft, "What's it like to read a book? I mean, I'm sure I did it before, but it's been so long, you know."

So, I told him how I had to actually retrain my eyes. They weren't used to moving back and forth, I explained, but rather to staring at one fixed point. When I first started the book, there were several times that I caught myself staring at the middle of a page, waiting for something to happen.



Waggon's eyes were becoming misty. Compassionately, I asked him to tell me about it. He took back his extra-soft Puffs, dabbed his eyes, and sighed.

"It's just that I've been thinking that I might like to read a book, too," he said. "But no . . . no, I don't think it's possible; my eyes would never see their way . . ."

"Sure they would, Doc! Listen, if I can do it, anyone can!"

With frivolity, we suddenly jumped up and began singing and dancing around his wet-bar. Hearing all this racket, the Doc's secretary came rushing in, demanding to know what was going on.

"I'm gonna read! I'm gonna read a book!" cried Waggon, as he tap-danced on top of his large-screen, stereo TV.

"Okay, Chuck," said the secretary. "Get down from there . . . NOW! You're not going to read a comic book much less a real book. Where did you get such a crazy notion?"

"Well, this patient, here, he said that he read a book, and I just thought . . ."

"No, Chuck, you *didn't* think. Remember, this guy's a *patient*. Now, do you really think that anyone who's anyone would read a book?"

Immediately, the Doc and I realized that his secretary was right. Sadly, I was, indeed, a crazy man. We agreed that this called for years of psychoanalysis.

As Chuck Waggon and I were setting up my next appointment, I began feeling better about the fact that I felt so bad. Crazy, eh? □

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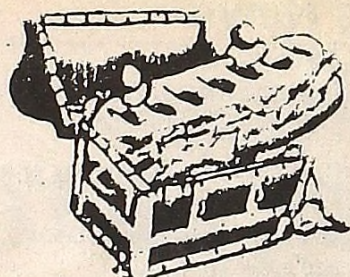
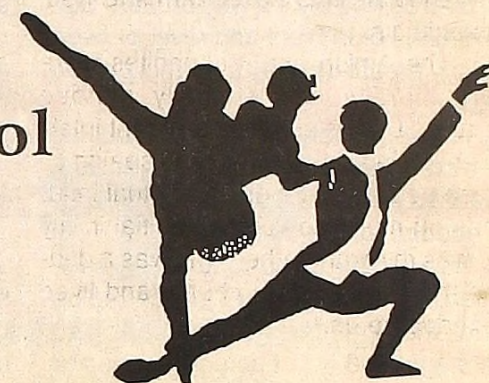
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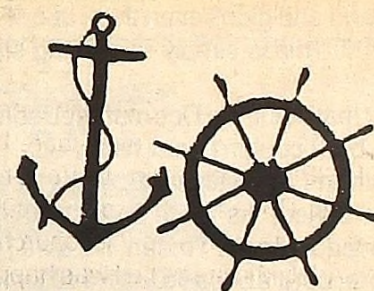
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Romulus Profile: J. D. Landis

By Tom Shamanski

John David Landis — or, as he was dubbed in early childhood, "J. D." — is, at age 39, pastor of the Community United Methodist Church, which is located at 11160 Olive Street in Romulus. He first began feeling a call to the Lord's service when he was 12 years old.

The road to his current pastoral ministry began in his birthplace of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, where both his father and grandfather were Mennonites. Landis' father was, by trade, a veterinarian, and often took Landis with him when he went to Mennonite and Amish farms to treat the animals.

"The Amish and Mennonites were very morally and ethically minded people," Landis stated in a recent interview. "Going with my dad and seeing all these people had a great spiritual influence on me. Also very influential in my life was my grandfather, who was a deacon in the Mennonite church and lived next door to us."

At age 19, while a student and member of the Intervarsity Christian Fellowship at Lancaster's Millersville State University, Landis made a full commitment to the Lord. After graduation, he attended Westminster Theology Seminary in Philadelphia. Upon seminary graduation in 1979, Landis set out for Ocean Grove, New Jersey, having been hired by the town as Youth Minister.

"It was in Ocean Grove where I first met Dr. Bill Quick from Metro United Methodist Church in Detroit. Dr. Quick invited me to come to his church as Young Adult Minister, and I was happy to do so."

After a year with Dr. Quick, Landis moved to Peck, Michigan, becoming pastor to the United Methodist churches in Peck, as well as in the neighboring cities of Buel and Melvin.

Explained Landis, "I wanted to get into a fuller ministry to serve in a regular pastoral capacity."

It was during his six years in Peck that Landis met his wife Carolyn, whom he fondly calls "almost an assistant pastor." It was also during this period that he traveled 26 miles every Sunday to preach to the three different cities and churches that he served.

Seeking additional education, Landis attended Dayton United Theology Center in Dayton, Ohio, in 1986. From there, he relocated to Romulus, assuming his present position.

"We really enjoy living in Romulus," Landis stated. "We've met a lot of very welcoming people here. Romulus, I feel, has tremendous potential."

And fortunately for the members of Community United Methodist Church, it's here in Romulus that Landis' potential as pastor and spiritual director has been fulfilled.

A typical day will find him in his office

at 8 a.m. It's there that he formulates different programs for his congregation, does in-church counseling, and works on various administrative tasks. In this regard, Landis is fortunate to have Nancy Paul as his administrative assistant. Fully experienced, Paul has been in this position for 17 years. Similarly, Jean Kreuger heads up the maintenance duties.

After lunch, Landis will travel wherever he's needed for visiting and counseling sessions. He counsels people on a vast field of subjects, including drug and alcohol abuse, family strife, and child and adult abuse, and he also offers his counseling services to people who are physically challenged.

Lately, Landis has been involved with a prison ministry. He has aided one individual who was recently released from prison and one who is still incarcerated.

When asked if he intends to pursue this ministry, he replied, "I'll go wherever I'm needed. At this point, I don't know if that will include more prison work, but, if it's necessary, I'll certainly do it."

Frequently, Landis attends one or two meetings a night. This is necessary, he stated, because many people are free only in the evenings.

Landis is also heavily involved in community work outside his church. Currently, he's on the Mayor's Drug Task Force and the Board of Pregnancy Counseling in Ypsilanti, and is a member of the Romulus Rotary.

In his role as pastor, there are several church programs that Landis oversees, but there is one program that he describes as the highlight of his time here.

Said Landis, "About six months ago, we started planning for our Grow Program. We wanted to emphasize to the community that we are a welcoming, inviting, and growing church. Our members were encouraged to bring new people to the church so that they could meet other church members and see how we could help them grow in faith."

"It's my feeling that everyone has a calling, and it's the pastor's responsibility to help people recognize their particular call. Through the Grow Program, we all gained new vision for working together."

One aspect of the program had the church members meeting in their homes, in four small groups, on Sunday evenings. They would then discuss issues brought up during that day's sermon.

"The small groups were extremely successful," said Landis. "Easter Sunday was the official ending of the Grow Program, but, because of the enthusiastic response, we now plan to continue the groups."

Another part of the Grow Program involved celebrating marriage by bringing together all the couples whom Landis had married during his five years at the



J. D. and Carolyn Landis

church. Similarly, all the children who had been baptized or dedicated during this time were given a special Sunday.

"Also during Grow," said Landis, "our music director, Peter Dodge, began developing a youth ministry for junior-high and high-school students. Plus, Julie Hopp has taken on a kindergarten-through-sixth-grade church ministry."

J. D. and Carolyn are the parents of two children: David, who is six years old, and Bethany, age three. A former teacher holding a master's degree in the area of learning disabilities, Carolyn is very involved in the church. She also enjoys decorating, sewing, and all crafts. Landis, a relaxing and engaging man, lists playing guitar, singing, and golfing among his favorite pastimes.

This is a family who loves the water and water activities. When they can, they will visit either Carolyn's family, who lives

near Lake Huron, or J. D.'s family, who are near the New Jersey shoreline.

When asked to reflect on his pastoral work for Community United, Landis replied, "It's been very enjoyable and fulfilling to see people's lives change. Sometimes they're at the end of their rope, but, through prayer, love, and hope in Christ, they can get on a productive track again. That's really priceless to me."

"Overall, I enjoy doing what I do because I believe that a Christian ministry is one of the best ways I can help people."

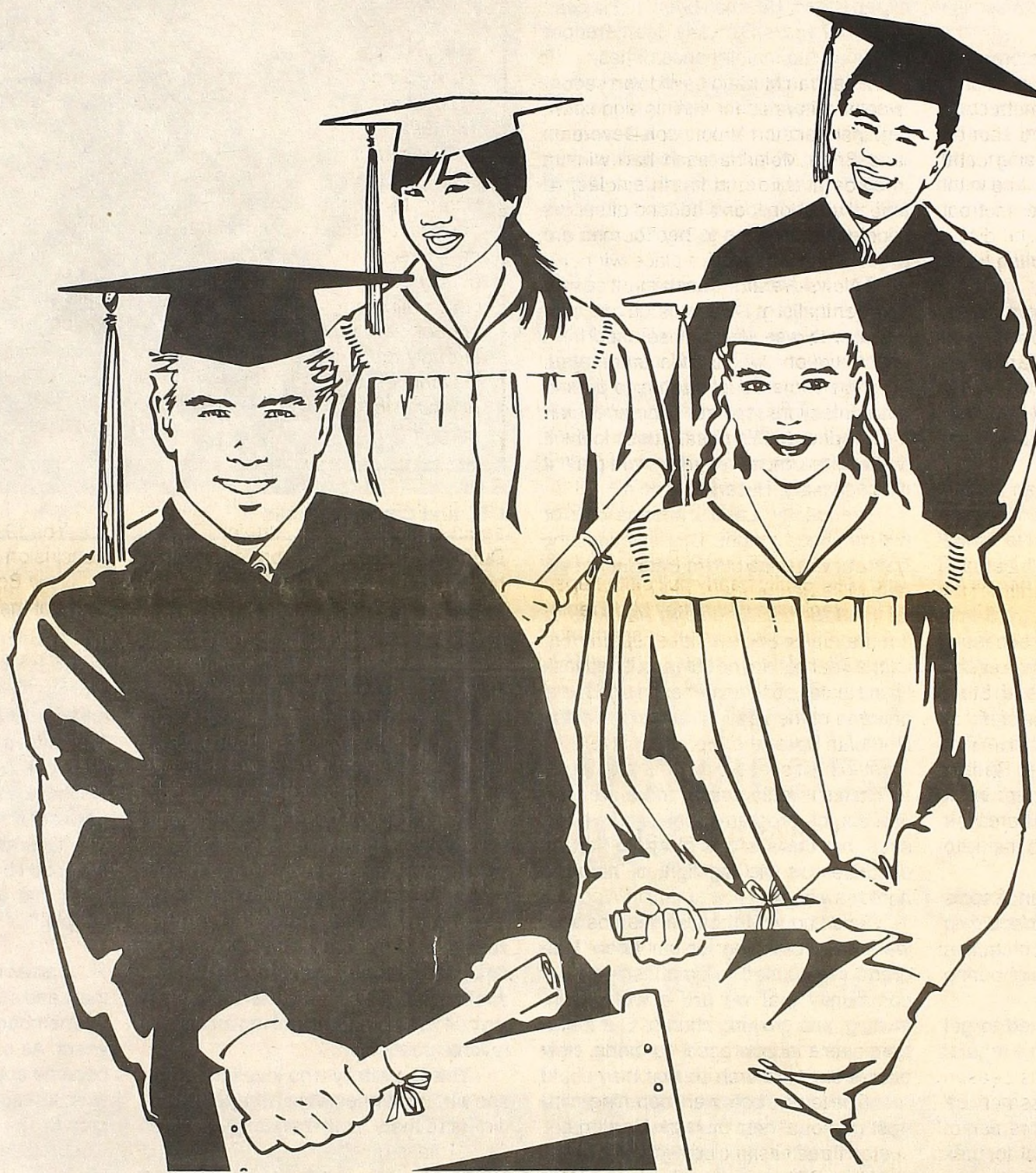
Earlier in our talk, I had discovered that Landis' congregation has grown from 60 members to 140 during his first five years. As our time together unfolded, it became apparent that this young pastor was a major reason for this remarkable growth. □

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Romulus High School Athletics

Spring Sports Wrap-ups

By Fred Coleman, CAA, Athletic Director,
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RHS Track

The men's and women's track programs came to a conclusion with the Regional competition held at Belleville High School on May 15.

Latanya Pankey and Tameta Davis participated in the discus and shot-put events, and just missed qualifying for the State meet. Latanya finished third in the discus and placed fifth in the shot-put, while Tameta took a sixth in the discus competition. Both of these young ladies are only sophomores.

Also having a strong finish for the Lady Eagle track team were sophomores Angela Courtland and Tiffany Gregory in the sprint events, while junior Andrea Brown and freshman Heather Kührt had excellent seasons in the middle- and long-distance events.

The men's team was once again led by junior Eric Newcomb, named Most Valuable Player. Eric finished sixth in the two-mile run at the Regional meet, and his time just missed qualifying him for the State competition.

Also contributing to the success of this year's program in the distance events were juniors Greg Majcher and Steve Chatman. Sophomore Jon Taylor did an excellent job in the middle-distance competitions, as did sophomore Rodney Smith. Rodney also worked hard in the hurdle events, and his coaches are looking for great improvements in the 1993 season.

Freshman Tyrone Jones and sophomore Todd Hardrick combined for quite a duo in the field events. Coach Ron Murawski stated, "These two have tremendous ability and strength – and, with hard work, they could become State qualifiers in these events."

"We were very young this season, since most of our upperclassmen decided not to compete this year," remarked Coach Ron Bayes. "Our goal for next year is to get the kid who wants to work hard and learn to compete in an event for his/her school. We learned this year that the 'best' athlete in your program may not be the 'most skilled' athlete. It's usually the kid who will work hard in the classroom and on the track who turns out to be the best, and that is the athlete who we are looking forward to working with in the upcoming year."

RHS Tennis

The 1992-1993 season started out with the promise of being the best year of Romulus tennis in recent memory. The team had a 3-4 record and a good showing at the *News-Herald* Tournament before injuries and defections by some of the seniors on the team caused a poor

record during the last two weeks of the year.

Some players, however, had fine individual seasons.

Johnnie Buckley proved to be a tough player at first singles, compiling an impressive record at the hardest position to play. LaJuan McCain held down second singles this year, earning his biggest win against Carleton Airport. Jon Devereaux and Brian Molenda each had winning records at third and fourth singles, respectively. Jon took a second at second singles in the Anchor Bay Tournament, while Brian was a third-place winner at the *News-Herald* Tournament and a quarterfinalist at Regionals, losing to the number-two seed in a close match.

Although the doubles teams went through some shuffling due to injuries and defections, the season ended with Keith Parks and Ray Osak at first doubles, who, by the end of the year, were playing extremely well as a team. Ray had spent the first half of the year at second doubles, compiling a 7-3 record. Second doubles saw our wrestling duo of Dale Gehringer and Mike Scully nearly pull off the upset of the Regionals when they had Trenton on the ropes. Bobby Parker spent most of the year at third doubles, but had to fill in at singles positions when injuries hit at the end of the year.

With six of the top nine players returning next season, the future of tennis in Romulus looks bright.

RHS Baseball

The current Charley Lau Memorial Field saw its last two games on Wednesday evening when the Eagles posted a double victory over neighboring New Boston Huron.

In game one, which ended with a score of 13-7, Tim Dufore won his sixth game as an Eagle pitcher, posting eight strikeouts while walking no one.

The team's bats were booming in the first game, as senior Mark Harden collected three hits (including two doubles) and four RBI, while Tim Dufore and Ron Yount also banded three hits apiece.

Catcher Mike Grube hit his first varsity home run – a grand-slam blast that cleared the score board in left-center field.

John Toliver and Charlie Dudonis also had two hits in the opening game.

In game two, junior Bob Bergeron gave up five hits to the visitors from New Boston, but also struck out nine to notch his first victory for the 1992 season.

Junior Rick Luszak had two RBI, while Joe Kusibab, Don Zemke, and Everette Robbins had one each in the 6-2 victory.

Three School records fell in recent weeks, as Tim Dufore finished the 1992 season hitting .468 and collected his

1992-1993 Athletes Will Need Sports Physicals To Compete

By Fred Coleman, CAA, Athletic Director, Romulus Community Schools

Parents and students are reminded that, in order for student athletes to compete in the Romulus Community Schools athletic programs, *they must have a physical dated after May 15, 1992.*

Trainer Cindy Robinson and the staff from the Riverside Osteopathic Sports Medicine Clinic will perform physical examinations for all athletes on Thursday, June 4, 1992, for a cost of only \$3 per student. This physical, which will cover the entire 1992-1993 school year's athletic seasons, is strongly recommended for all Romulus athletes, especially those who are planning to compete in a fall athletics program.

Athletes planning on attending the June 4 physicals should stop by the Athletics Office to obtain a parent permission form authorizing the physical.

Student athletes who wish to obtain a physical from their family doctor should pick up a school physical form from the Athletics Office.

Students are also reminded that the Romulus Adolescent Health Center also provides physicals to students. Appointments may be made by calling the Center at 941-1400.

Any questions concerning physicals should be directed to me, Fred Coleman, at 941-3414.

Fall sports begin August 10, 1992. *You cannot practice without a physical.* Get it now and avoid possible conflicts in the fall. □

RHS Softball

The 1992 softball program came to a conclusion last week with a double loss to New Boston Huron. These losses brought the 1992 record to 6-18, but did not create a feeling of gloom for our coaching staff.

Coach Bill Cuhran and Assistant Coach Don Kobane both foresee great improvement over the next couple of years, as both teams had a number of freshmen and sophomores who are only going to get better.

Two solid performers all season were seniors Jenny McClure and Jennifer Trueman. McClure played a great third base for Coach Cuhran and may have had her best outing in the final two games against New Boston.

Sophomore shortstop Candy Coak has shown signs of being a very solid player of the future, as have sophomore Kristin Bishop and freshman Natasha Carson on the mound.

The junior outfield of Erin Fyfe, Crystal Stevenson, and Marie Bouquenoy steadily improved all year, and, with support coming from the 8-8 JV Eagle team, the softball program should become pretty solid in the next couple of seasons.

Sophomores Jamie Taylor, Lisa Decker, and Stacy Stefani combined with freshmen Michelle Slawinski and Jessica Smith to form a solid nucleus for Coach Don Kobane this season.

"We had a lot of inexperience this year in these young athletes," stated Coach Cuhran, "but we became more knowledgeable as the season went along, and, more importantly, I think that these girls began to see how important playing in the off-season is and how essential defensive skills are to the game. We are, no doubt, going to be a better team next season." □

twelfth double in the doubleheader against New Boston. Junior Charlie Dudonis set a new season record when he hit his sixth home run of the year, and needs just two more homers next year to surpass the career mark of nine set by Paul Seedstedt back in 1969.

"We have a number of young players returning to our program next season," stated Coach Don Foley, "and we are already excited about our prospects as we begin the next era of baseball on the new Charley Lau Field."

Coaches Mike Roffi and Brian Tapp finished the 1992 season at 10-10 with their JV baseball program.

"We really felt, from the beginning, that a .500 season would be excellent since we had a number of inexperienced players," stated Roffi. "But, as the season went on, we began to see these young athletes progress and improve in great strides. These guys worked hard for all 10 victories, and should be very proud of the season they had."

"This is going to be a fine group of varsity athletes," added Coach Tapp. "Combining a few of these guys with the returning letter-winners from this year's varsity team should make for some exciting baseball next spring."

Having excellent seasons for the young Eagles were Jason Wludyka, who hit .335 and had 16 doubles. Gary Harris was "rock-solid" at third base and batted at a .300 clip. Mario Thomason hit .325 while doing an excellent job in the difficult catching position, while Steven O'Connor, as the team's most solid pitcher and leading hitter (batting over .400), was the "ace in the hole" for the Eagles.

Hope to see all of our excellent baseball fans back next season to observe the 1993 baseball teams' efforts on the new Charley Lau Field.

Cory, Halecreek, and Merriman Elementary Bands Rock Back to the '60s in "Romulus Bandstand"

On Thursday, May 28, the bands of Cory, Halecreek, and Merriman elementary schools, under the direction of Mark Fernandez, presented their annual Spring Concert at Romulus High School.

The evening began with the three schools' combined Beginning bands performing "March Premier," "Echo Valley," and "The Stomp Polka." After a wonderful performance and a warm ovation from the audience, the beginners turned the stage over to the combined Concert Band, which had prepared something quite different from the usual elementary band concert. It was a tribute to the music of the 1960s which they called "Romulus Bandstand."

As the lights went out and the curtains opened, a large video screen was seen above the darkened stage. Suddenly, someone named "Rick Clark" (who looked mysteriously like Mr. Fernandez) appeared on the screen to introduce "Romulus Bandstand." He described an exciting show featuring the many talented students – not only as musicians, but as announcers, dancers, and actors as well – of the Cory, Halecreek, and Merriman Concert bands.

The show then began, with the stage lights coming on to reveal the Band (and Mr. Fernandez) dressed, not in their traditional black and white outfits, but in authentic costumes from the '60s. After the opening announcement by a tough-looking character dressed in black leather (who turned out to be fifth-grade clarinet player, Billy Chapman), the Band kicked into their first number: "Born To Be Wild"! As the Band performed, the audience was also treated to various video clips that went along with the song. The evening proceeded in much the same way throughout the concert, with each song being introduced on video by a band member dressed in a costume representing the style of song being performed, and with video clips accompa-

nying most songs.

The songs were grouped into six categories: Rock and Roll, Motown, Beach Music, Beatles, Girl Groups, and Soul/R&B, with most of the arrangements custom-written for the band by Mr. Fernandez himself. Among the songs performed were "Light My Fire," "Woolly Booly" (featuring the clarinets), "Louie Louie" (featuring the cornets, saxophones, and trombone), "The Way You Do The Things You Do," "My Girl," "Sugar Pie Honey Bunch," "Wouldn't It Be Nice," "Surfin' USA," "Wipe Out" (featuring the drums), "Yesterday" (featuring cornet soloist, Scott Tieppo), "Be My Baby," "My Boyfriend's Back," "Rockin' Robin" (featuring the flutes), and "I Feel Good." In addition to appearing as announcers, various band members made guest appearances on the video screen in dance routines and skits. Many band members were also surprised to see their baby pictures appear during "Be My Baby"!

The concert came to a close with announcer Tonice Gilkey telling the audience that she hoped the final song by James Brown would leave the crowd "feeling good" – and, judging by the standing ovation that the band received – it must have done the trick.

All in all, the evening was a major success, and, afterwards, Mr. Fernandez couldn't say enough good things about his young band members and the amount of work that they had put into the show.

End-of-the-year Band Awards were then presented to the Most Improved Players: Anthony Gibson, Sara Markland, and Nicole McKinney; Best Beginners: David Gentry, Antonio Gibson, Jennifer Vit, and Kenneth Wells; and Most Valuable Players: Dezzera Freeman, Victor Lucaj, and Brooke Thompson.

Congratulations to these award-winners and to the entire band, who put together a truly "one-of-a-kind" performance in . . . "Romulus Bandstand"! □



(L to R) LaDonna Franklin & Tracey Atherton



Mr. Fernandez



(L to R) Erin Fisher & Justin Sommers



Crystal Massey



Billy Chapman



(L to R) Erin Cameron, Nancy Wilson, & Nicole Moue

Romulus Junior High School's Tour Band Visits Orlando, Florida

On Wednesday, May 20, 69 members of the Romulus Junior High School Tour Band – along with Band Director, Richard Kruse, and 15 parent chaperones – departed for Orlando, Florida, for the Band's Spring Tour, 1992. The Tour Band, composed of students from each of the Junior High's four band levels, was scheduled to play at Mel's Drive-in, located at Universal Studios.

The group departed after school on Wednesday, and arrived at their hotel in Orlando at 4 p.m. on Thursday, May 21. Their first activity was swimming at Wet & Wild, where they tried out "The Black Hole," a new ride featuring water slides that twist around each other – in total darkness! After dinner, everyone enjoyed an evening at a go-cart track known as Fun & Wheels.

On the morning of Friday, May 22, the Band departed for Universal Studios. At 1 p.m., they were met and taken backstage by staff so that students could dress for their 2:30 p.m. performance. Among the selections played were "Fame," "The 'A' Team," "The Munster's Theme," "Great Balls of Fire," "Unchained Melody," "The Twist," "Nadia's Theme," "Mony, Mony," and "Happy Days." The

students had only two weeks to prepare this music; nevertheless, their performance was exceptional. According to Kruse, the students have done an outstanding job of learning to read music, and this vital skill was the main factor in the Band's success.

Following the performance, the group spent the remainder of the day at the park. Among the students' favorite rides/attractions were "Back to the Future," "King Kong," "Earthquake," "E.T.," and the "Miami Vice" speedboat scene. Kruse said that his favorite event was the "Blues Brothers" concert.

On Saturday, May 23, the group spent the entire day at Disneyworld, where the favorite ride was the "Magic Mountain."

On Sunday, May 24, everyone packed up and headed for Busch Gardens, enjoying the "Scorpion" and "Python" roller coasters, the "Questor," and the train, cable car, and monorail rides around the zoo.

The group finally arrived home on the evening of Monday, May 25, "pleasantly pooped" and ready for a nice, long rest.

But such rest was not to be – at least not right away – because on Tuesday,

May 26, Kruse got a phone call, requesting his band to perform for British Airways' celebration of Ascot Day (the height of the British social season) at Detroit Metropolitan Airport's International Terminal on Friday, May 29. Although they had only a short time to prepare for the performance, the band played 18 selections, five of which were British songs, including "Gold Finger" and "British Grenadiers."

The students received many favorable comments from the 500+ guests (including Metro Detroit civic and business leaders) present for the occasion. Kruse was particularly proud when one guest said that the Band sounded like the band from the University of Michigan.

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The following students were members of the 1992 Tour Band from Romulus Junior High School: (flute) Dawn Beem, Kim Mientkiewicz, Erica Rinehart, Kionta Turrentine, Pam Lecroix, Tammi Ritter, Jennifer Hornfeld, Michelle Smith, Sara Stopera, and Ryan Molloy; (oboe) Brian Steffani; (clarinet) Takara Wilson, Crystal Mendalski, Colleen Coleman, Misty Fabrizio, Stefanie Clemons, Latanya Shelton, Amy Young, Amie Jager,

Tameka Brown, Andrew Carter, Mella-donna Jones, Joseph Lambert, and Jessica Taylor; (saxophone) Jason Davis, Bill Hall, Scott Smith, Jason Brandana, Kristin Seniff, Greg Stephens, and Jeff Goldsmith; (cornet) Chris Drouillard, Travis Hall, Kellie Massey, Crystal Benci, Thomas Haverlock, Angelina Cucchiara, Andrew Imielowski, Beth Haverlock, Mahlon Williams, Bryant McCauley, Stacy Quimby, Kelly Justice, Erica Lachick, Tiffany Kerekes, and Lisa Wands; (baritone) Bobby George, Roger Kehn, Carl Blanton, and Mike Hall; (French horn) Hope Debord, Heather Nausley, Tara Minda, Tiffany Welsh, and Larry Poletti; (trombone) Karissa Vichinsky, Beccy Furman, Beccy Oleszkewicz, Lucille Williams, and Dana Tripp; (tuba) Ted Kesner, Chris Jones, Donald Schalte, and Erick Brock; (drum) Adrienne Anderson, David Manson, Anthony Reed, William Hamby, and Mike Staffield.

Chaperones for the Spring Tour trip were Mrs. Rinehart, Mrs. Oleszkewicz, Mrs. Bjork, Mrs. Brock, Mrs. Coleman, Mrs. Ballard, Mrs. Vichinsky, Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Puhl, Mrs. Hamby, Mrs. Justice, Mrs. Young, Mrs. Wilkinson, Mr. Jager, and Mr. Kehn. □



* Romulus Junior High School bands have new director?

RJHS Tour Band



Woody Woodpecker helps first-trombonist Lucille Williams on "The 'A' Team."



Hot rods and hot music.



(From left) Trombonists Lucille Williams, Beccy Oleszkewicz, Karissa Vishinsky, and Dana Tripp "play away" with baritone Carl Blanton.



(From right) Scott Smith, Jason Brandana, Beth Haverlock, Andrew Imielowski, Chris Drouillard, Ted Kesner, and (back) Erick Brock.



Baritone Roger King performs.



Frankenstein's monster makes Mr. Kruse an offer he can't refuse!

'92 Spring Tour



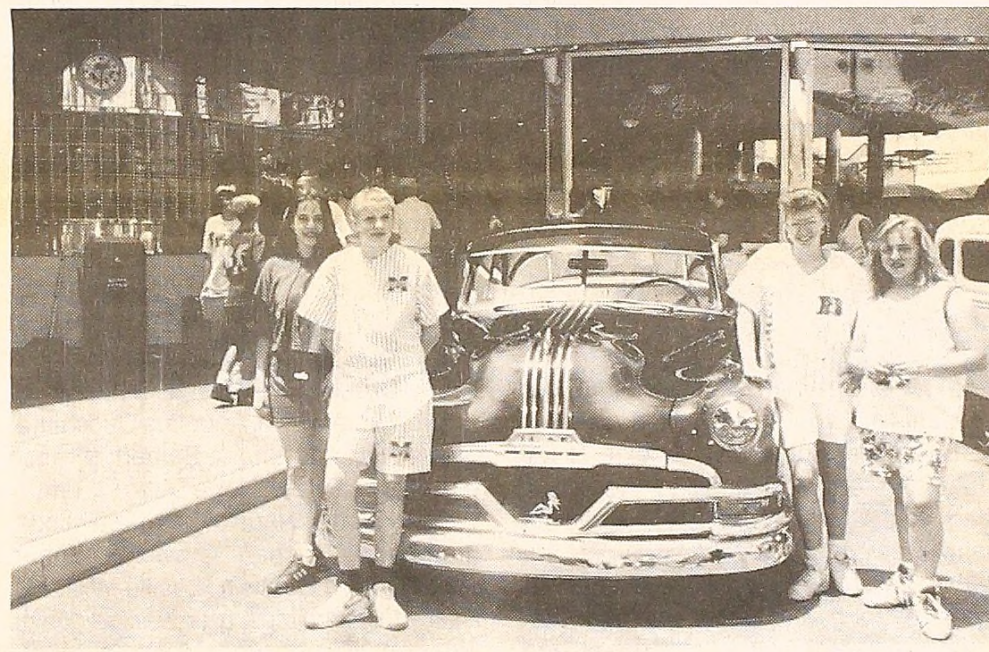
Chaperone Pat Coleman with George Jetson.



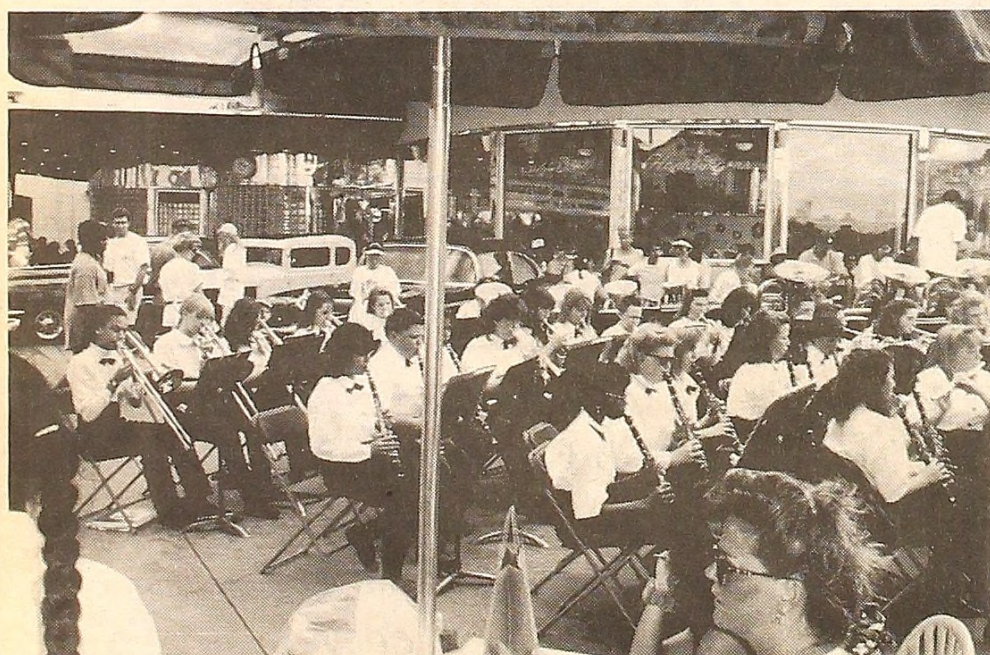
Frankenstein's monster helps direct the band on "The Munster's Theme."



(From left) Karissa Vishinsky and Stacy Quimby pose with Frankenstein's monster.



(From left) Karissa Vishinsky, Stacy Quimby, Erica Rinehart, and Beth Haverlock at Mel's Drive-in with official car of the City of Romulus?



Tour Band plays in front of Mel's Drive-in.



Romulus Junior High School Tour Band in front of Mel's Drive-in.

RJHS Symphonic Band Is #1 for Thirteenth Straight Year

By Richard Kruse, Band Director

The weekend of May 1 and May 2 found 29 bands competing for ratings at the State Band Festival held at Romulus High School. In one of the toughest State festivals in many years, only two bands received a final "I" rating with first-division marks from all four judges. Five other bands also received final "I" ratings, but got at least one "II" rating in their individual marks.

Bands from many of the upscale suburban communities performed over the weekend. Schools from Rochester, Orchard Lake, Novi, Dearborn, Southfield, Brandon, Northville, Holly, and Lake Orion sent their bands to the Festival; however, none of them received a "I" rating.

One of the two bands which did receive a first-division rating, including a "I" from each of the four judges, was our own Romulus Junior High School Symphonic Band. This marked the thirteenth year in a row that the Symphonic Band has received the coveted first-division rating at the Festival—currently the longest consecutive streak of first-division ratings for junior-high bands in the State of Michigan. It also marked the sixth consecutive year that the Symphonic Band has received all "I" ratings at the State competition.

This has not been an easy year for our junior-high band students. They had to work very hard to earn the marks they received at the State competition, and the possibility of accomplishing such marks was in doubt throughout much of the year.

However, when the time came, our students did what they had to do in order to be successful. I wish to extend my heartiest congratulations to the members of the Symphonic Band and their families. The students, along with the families' support, are what make a first-division rating possible at any festival. It has to be important to each student, and each student must take on the responsibility and group loyalty necessary to be

successful.

For many of these students, this will be the only time that they will ever come out on top in a Statewide competition. The confidence and self-esteem enhancement which this experience provides has been what has made my 26-year teaching career in Romulus so very rewarding.

One final note: Since 1980, Romulus Junior High School bands have received 17 first-division ratings at State festivals—also a Statewide high over this time period.

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The following Symphonic Band students participated in the State Festival competition: (flute) Michelle Smith, Casandra Donaldson, Pamela Lecroix, Kim Mientkiewicz, Tammi Ritter, Jessica Cyburt, Christina Gomes, Dawn Beem, Erica Rinehart, Kristy Carroll, and Kionta Turrentine; (oboe) Brian Steffani; (bassoon) Konrad Jager; (alto sax) Beth Nieman, Larry Jackson, Jason Davis, and Sara Hudson; (tenor sax) Scott Smith; (baritone sax) Billy Hall; (clarinet) Misty Fabrizio, Stephanie Clemons, Cynthia King, Dan Bussard, Ebony Sandusky, Latanya Shelton, Sonya Rush, Marie Madison, Maria Bosnak, Crystal Mendalski, Jennifer Yonts, and Takara Wilson; (alto clarinet) Colleen Coleman and Nicole Cyburt; (bass clarinet) Ryan Hill and Mollie Jones; (baritone) Carl Blanton, Bobby George, and Mike Hall; (tuba) Ted Kesner, Jon Cochenour, Erick Brock, and Jeff McCray; (cornet) Bryant McCauley, Heather Meyer, Chrystal Benci, Kellie Massey, Michelle Todd, Chris Drouillard, Thomas Haverlock, Andrew Imielowski, Angelina Cucchiara, Travis Hall, and Charla Seibert; (French horn) Larry Poletti, Hope Debord, Tiffany Welsh, Heather Nausley, and Tara Minda; (trombone) Raphael Crawford, Shaun Lee, Richard Baldwin, Lucille Williams, Beccy Oleszkowicz; (percussion) David Manson, Tony Reed, Kim Holbrook, Adrienne Anderson, Kim Randall, and Erica Gambriel. □

Romulus High School's Jazz Band Receives "I" Rating at Regional Jazz Band Festival

By Richard Kruse, Band Program Director for Romulus Community Schools

For the second straight year, the Romulus High School Jazz Band has received the coveted "I" rating at the Regional Jazz Band Festival held at Novi High School on Saturday, April 12.

Henry James, Band Director, was very pleased with the outcome of the competition, especially since he had to develop his saxophone section from scratch this year. Not only did the students have to learn to play their new instrument, but they had to acquire an instinct for the intricacies of jazz-style performance. Students who are clarinet

players can switch to the sax relatively easily, but learning the jazz idioms requires much practice and study. If you add to these requirements the talent for improvisation, you can get a general idea about the magnitude of the students' accomplishment.

A few years ago, the Jazz Band maintained a five-year streak of appearances at the Jazz Festival and gave several performances at the Detroit Montreaux Jazz Festival.

Hopefully, the Band is well on its way to duplicating these achievements in the future.

Congratulations on a fine effort! □



Romulus Junior High School band students play outside the Romulus IGA during the 1992 Romulus Michigan Week Festival.

RJHS Concert Band Receives "II" Rating at State Festival

By Richard Kruse, Band Director

Making only its second appearance at a State festival since 1986, the Romulus Junior High School Concert Band received all second-division ratings. With the difficult level of judging at this year's competition, the Band did well to earn the "II" rating.

The judges did note the fact that the Concert Band had many strong players, but it was felt that the overall music was not quite up to first-division level for a

State competition.

The "II" rating was only the second one received in the history of Romulus Junior High School's performances at State festivals. In the remainder of the 22 appearances made by our junior-high bands at these State competitions, 20 first-divisions ratings have been earned. This overall record is one of the highest, based on percentage, in the history of the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association. □

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"Help Lines"

Not Another Advice Column

By John Dubosh, MA

On this point, we might all agree: If accepting help is difficult, then offering the right kind is harder still.

Just last week, my mother asked me, "Should I have the operation?" (for removal of gallstones). After complaining of stomach pain and acute abdominal distress, my mother had finally agreed to talk to a specialist. Her doctor recommended that she consider having her gallbladder removed. But she was more worried about the pain involved, her advancing age, and the length of recovery.

"I know it's going to be a long time before I feel better," she said in a whining, hesitating tone of voice.

"Not!" I found myself thinking. No amount of reassurance or rational persuasion could convince her of the surgery's safety or that she would be walking around in no time.

"I just don't know what to do," she went on, sounding more hopeless by the minute.

"Okay!" I shouted. "Don't have the surgery if you're that worried about it."

The truth was, I didn't know what to do. I felt exasperated and ineffective, frustrated over my inability to help her.

After pausing for a moment, my mother said, "Will you take me to the hospital and stay through the surgery?"

"Yes," I said through clenched teeth.

"Well, I'll call the doctor and talk to him about it."

My mother, you see, could not be reassured or persuaded that everything would be okay. I soon realized that all she wanted was to know that I cared. And that, for me, was probably the hardest kind of help to give.

"Healing is a matter of time, but it is sometimes a matter of opportunity." — Hippocrates

"Help Lines," a reader's forum addressing mental-health and substance-abuse issues, will be a regular feature of *The Romulus News*. The column will appear on a monthly basis as a community service of the Romulus Help Center. Please send questions and/or your mental-health/substance-abuse concerns to John Dubosh, MA, a psychotherapist at the Romulus Help Center, 9340 South Wayne Road, Suite A, Romulus, MI 48174

Responses to readers' questions will appear in "Help Lines" in future issues. □

Veterans' Memorial

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DONATIONS: The donation for a 4 x 8" brick is \$50 and the donation for a 8 x 8" brick is \$100. Donations may be submitted to: Veterans' Memorial, City of Romulus Treasurer's Office, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174. Please make checks payable to Romulus Veterans' Memorial.

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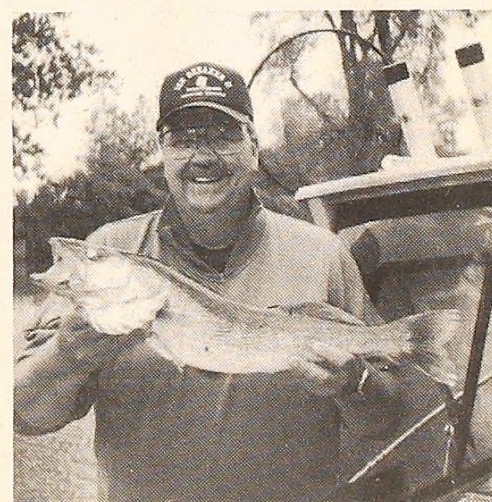
By Captain Ron Dubsky, Ice Breaker II Sport-fishing Charters

The weather is great, the fishing is great, and the daughter is coming home with my four-month-old grandson. They plan on staying for two months, so all of her friends are invited to come over and bring a dish to pass!

Walleye fishing has been very consistent. We are catching fish in the 14- to 18-inch class in 19 to 23 feet of water. An occasional three- to five-pounder is not uncommon. Belleville Lake is reporting good-size bluegill, and crappie are also being caught consistently.

The baits we have been using are the Thunderstick Jr., Wiggle Warts, and the Rebel Crawfish (the most productive lure). Give the Fishin' Hole in Taylor a call — they know the colors that we have been using and they have all the lures in stock. For example, last week, I went and purchased a half-dozen Rebel Crawdads and 30 Thunderstick Jrs. If I go out and spend the money, you know that they must work. All three of these lures have a maximum depth of 12 feet with 120 feet of line out. Shorten the distance and you shorten the depth of the lure. All the charters are running these lures at the maximum distance.

Last Wednesday, *Ice Breaker* took



out a television film crew from *The Outdoorsman*. We filmed a segment on trolling with planer boards and then did another on worm-fishing. The show will air three times: on PASS at 9:10 a.m. on Saturday, June 13; and on PBS Channel 56 at 1 a.m. on Friday, June 19, and again at 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 20. If the show does not air that week, it will be broadcast the week after. Try and watch one of these shows. You'll see some good tips on productive walleye fishing.

Coming up the weekend of June 7 and June 8 is the DNR's Free Fishing Weekend — no fishing license is required. There's no excuse not to take a kid fishing! □

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MEET THE CANDIDATES

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far as they want to go – as far as their imaginations will take them."

According to Berlinn, the District's software vendors have assured him that there will be plenty of programs to take gifted students beyond their grade level and enrich their educations.

Challenging the incumbents' statements, Lindquist-Capron cited the example of her sixth-grade daughter, asserting that the child had already gone through every available program in her school's CAIC (computer assisted instruction classroom) by last Christmas, and currently has nothing to do except draw pictures while her classmates do their CAIC assignments.

Berlinn replied that the ordering of software is not yet complete, and noted that the matter would merit some further investigation.

Possibility of Staff Reduction

A member of the audience posed the question of whether the implementation of new technology might lead to a reduction in the number of staff now employed.

All four candidates felt that such a reduction would not be likely; in fact, they agreed, the additional complexities involved in the use of computers would be more likely to result in the need for an increase in staff – especially, Patterson noted, in the area of technical support.

The only "worry" voiced came from Lindquist-Capron, who said that she is concerned about staff members' use of time since she has already received reports of some teachers using the computers to "baby-sit" their students.

Nepotism

A question regarding nepotism (undue favoritism shown to the family or friends of persons in office) was directed to Berlinn. When asked if the School Board had a policy regarding this practice, he replied, "I don't believe we do have one. I don't think it's necessary."

Travel Expenses

The incumbents were queried regarding the Board's policy on travel and travel expenses.

Patterson: "Yes, there is a policy. Travel is allowed one time per calendar year. For any other travel after the first trip, members must get full Board permission. If a spouse also goes, then the spouse's costs must be picked up by the Board member."

"I feel that travel and conferences are important in today's age of school technology," he continued. "Romulus is recognized as a leader in this technology, and I think that travel is necessary to keep this so – it allows us to stay abreast of what is available in other districts, and continue to bring the best to Romulus."

Berlinn: "When we travel, we go by availability," he said, explaining that, since his seniority at work allows him to take time off more easily than the other members can, he has been able to attend more conferences.

Berlinn affirmed that a spouse's travel costs must be paid by the Board member, adding that, "A lot of travel is paid for by vendors or potential vendors."

He concluded by noting that Board members who travel must submit a written report to the other members concerning what was learned during the trip.

Conflict of Interest

As Hoffman is presently employed as Assistant Director of Finance by the City of Romulus, she was asked if her position with the City would create a conflict of interest were she elected to the School Board. Also, since she has received the official endorsement of Romulus Mayor Beverly McAnally, she was questioned as to whether she would represent the Schools or City Hall.

"Although the meetings of City Council and the School Board often coincide, my job with the City does not require me to attend Council meetings at the present time. Actually, I see my position at City Hall as an advantage, not as a detriment, since I would be able to bring my knowledge and experience concerning financial affairs with me to the position."

"Mayor McAnally has endorsed me, but I feel that's based solely on how she perceives my work for the City."

Responding to the question concerning where her loyalties would lie, she replied that she intended to represent the taxpayers and students of the community, rather than the City or the School Administration.

Later, during the time allotted for oral questions from the audience, Mayor McAnally told candidates that she was distressed by all the implications that the overall goals of the City and the Schools were not viewed as mutual. She asked the candidates to comment.

Patterson said, "I think we've made tremendous progress (in our working relationship with the City) in the last six months to a year. I don't feel that we're adversaries now."

Berlinn agreed. "I feel that our relationship is very good. We will, from time to time, have our disagreements, but this is natural, and we will be able to work things out."

Said Hoffman, "We can't have duplication of effort. We all need to work together for the good of everyone."

Board/Community Communication

Concerning ways to improve communication between the Board of Education and the community, Hoffman said that she would utilize cable TV to broadcast meetings.

Patterson agreed that cable TV could help, as "folks won't come to the meetings unless they're directly affected by some specific issue."

Berlinn said that keeping the School Board in touch with the public is difficult, since "the public doesn't seem to want to be involved."

Lindquist-Capron suggested that Board members should be required to visit the schools on a regular basis (at least once a year) because she feels that the current members are removed from the "real world" of our schools.

Both Berlinn and Patterson replied that they visit the schools when they can, but cited work commitments as making frequent visitations difficult.

The election will be held June 8. □

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Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Sheila McGinnis, Manager of the Romulus Tower; Marilyn Masters, Senior Citizens Coordinator for the City of Romulus; and Barbara Schultz, Romulus Senior Center staff member, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column.

Happy Birthday!

I would like to send special birthday wishes to those of my Romulus Tower neighbors born in the month of June: Florence Atchison, Evelyn Boemer, Alecia Karrick, Ethel LaMar, Shirley Lawson, Anne Leonard, Doris Mackie, Joseph Scibilia, and Donna Thorne.

Shop Till You Drop!

For a transportation fee of only \$1.50, Romulus seniors can ride the Center's Senior Van to Southland Mall for a day of nonstop shopping on Friday, June 5; and to Area garage sales on Friday, June 12. Seating is limited; sign up at the Center if you would like to go.

Dinner Out

Relax and enjoy dinner out on Thursday, June 9, when Romulus seniors get together to dine at the Pinchney Inn. The fee for transportation is just \$1.50; the cost of the meal is up to the individual. Sign up at the Romulus Senior Center right away if you are interested.

Senior Citizen Services

The Romulus Help Center (a division of Matrix Associates, Inc.), in an effort to help seniors continue to live independently in their homes, provides a variety of home repair, personal care, and home-making services for the elderly. For more information about these services—which include minor carpentry and electrical work; plumbing repairs; assistance with bathing dressing, and personal grooming; house cleaning; and laundry services—call 942-7586.

Prescription Drug Program

Many elderly people live on limited incomes and are financially unable to purchase essential drugs, medical supplies, and equipment. The Wayne County Office on Aging serves as a distribution center for World Medical Relief prescription and drug service to the elderly.

To qualify, a person must:

- be 62 years of age or older;
- live alone;
- have a monthly income which does not exceed \$662 (single person)/\$774 (married couple, combined income);
- have documented proof of all income (Social Security, pensions, etc.);
- have a letter from his/her bank showing the current balance in checking and/or savings accounts, and stating that he/she has no other accounts;
- have a copy of his/her 1990 or 1991 income tax return, homestead tax form, and home heating tax form (if filed); and
- not be a Medicaid recipient.

For more information, contact Laura Downing at 467-3448.

Free Blood-pressure Screening

Romulus seniors can have their blood pressure checked by Community Emergency Medical Service (CEMS), free of charge, at the Romulus Senior Center on the first Monday of every month from 1 to 2 p.m. The next screening will be held on July 6. Call 942-6852 for information.

Special Trips

Sauder Farm and Craft Village—Join other seniors and spend the day at Ohio's Sauder Farm and Craft Village on July 9. The cost of \$38 includes round-trip motorcoach transportation, admission to the Sauder Museum and Village, and a family-style luncheon at The Barn Restaurant. For further information, call Marilyn Masters (942-6852).

Luxury Cruise—Cruise the Detroit River on a luxury yacht designed to cater to your every need! The \$44 cost of this one-day trip includes transportation, a two-hour cruise, and a buffet lunch aboard *The Infinity*. For more information on this or future trips, please call Marilyn Masters (942-6852).

Lunch at the Senior Center

For only \$1.50, Romulus seniors (age 60 and over) can enjoy a hot lunch at the Romulus Senior Center every weekday at 11:30 a.m. Call Pat (942-6852) at least 24 hours in advance for your reservation. (For information on getting home-delivered meals, call 1-800-851-1454.) □

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MAP Donates Bullet-resistant Vests to Romulus Officers

Four officers of the Romulus Police Department have been provided with bullet-resistant vests by the Michigan Association of Police (MAP).

The state-of-the-art vests were presented to the Department, free of charge, on Monday, June 2, and will be put to immediate use.

The donation was made possible by MAP's SafeStart program, which provides graduates of those State training schools approved by the Michigan Law Enforcement Officers Training Council (MLEOTC), who are beginning law-enforcement careers within the State, with a few ounces of cost-free protection that can prove to be worth more than virtually any amount of cure.

More than 400 vests have been requested and presented to newly hired training-school graduates since SafeStart was launched late in 1990. Recipients work in departments as far north as Calumet and Marquette in the Upper Peninsula, and as far south as Adrian.

Vest requests must be authorized by the department heads involved.

"We're really just getting this operation underway," said James Gudenburr, MAP program coordinator. "The ultimate

goal is to provide every new officer in Michigan with this kind of protection. It bears emphasis that every graduate of an MLEOTC-approved academy is eligible right now. I am personally committed to getting that word out all across the State, and to working, as funds make possible, toward the 100% mark."

This program is financed by private-sector participation to assure that there will be absolutely no expense to either recipients or their departments.

MAP Director, Fred Timpner, said, "This program is designed to help protect lives, and there is massive documentation showing that wearing a vest frequently has been the difference between life and death for officers in combat situations. There are literally hundreds of cases on record demonstrating that point throughout the Nation, including many Michigan cases. That is the basis for SafeStart, which was Carl Parsell's dream — a concept that he worked very diligently to develop in the months prior to his death last October. Unfortunately, Carl (MAP's founder and director) did not live to see the program implemented, but SafeStart is a part of his great legacy to police officers." □

Romulus Business Is Dancing!

By Lynn Carver

The spirit of the motto, "To dance is to live!" is living and thriving at one of the City's newer businesses: MTM Dance Productions, located at 36615 Goddard Road in downtown Romulus.

Melinda Shearrer and Michelle Partin, 21-year-old co-owners and principal instructors at MTM Dance Productions, opened their studio almost two years ago with an initial enrollment of 30 students. Today, Shearrer and Partin instruct approximately 60 dancers.

MTM Dance Productions offers instruction in a wide range of dancing styles, including tap, jazz, ballet, gymnastics, and lyrical.

When asked to describe lyrical dancing, Shearrer replied, "It's basically a combination of jazz and ballet. More attention, though, is paid to the dancer's interpretation of the music being used." She also mentioned that, in ballet, they teach the internationally respected Cecchetti method.

MTM is associated with several National dance organizations, Dance Educators of America being one example. Shearrer explained: "These are all organizations where our students can compete on a National level. Also, they hold these competitions for students of all ages."

Currently, MTM Dance Productions boasts five dancers who are now preparing to vie for National titles. The competition is set for July in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Partin and Shearrer have both been teaching dance for six years. Partin began her teaching career in Plymouth, Michigan, at Joanne's Dance Extension, while Shearrer made her teaching debut at Studio A in Oregon, Ohio. Both young women taught together at Canton's Masters of Dance Arts for one year before opening their studio.

Again finding themselves in similar circumstances, Partin and Shearrer are each pursuing a liberal arts curriculum at Henry Ford Community College. Shearrer: "We both want to teach dance for the rest of our lives, but still think it's important to complete our college educations."

On Friday, June 12, 1992, the Studio will present a dance recital. The event will take place at 7 p.m. in the auditorium at New Boston's Huron High School. Admission is \$4 per person.

MTM Dance Productions is open Monday through Saturday, with classes beginning at 4 p.m. A summer session will begin on June 26 and run until July 31, 1992. For further information on the upcoming recital, or on regular dance classes, call 942-0120. □

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Engagements

Sabourin/Brown

Soon to be married are Gregg Kirk Sabourin and Dawn Eve Brown of Lincoln Park, Michigan.

The couple, who became engaged on December 24, 1991, have set a wedding date of July 18, 1992. The ceremony will be held at St. Francis Xavier Church (Ecorse, Michigan) with a reception to follow at Kennedy Hall (Southgate, Michigan).

Standing up with Gregg will be Paul Walker and Allen Brown. Dawn's bridesmaids will be Regina Karshnock and Jacquelyn Blaies.

Gregg is the son of Doris and the late James Sabourin (Lincoln Park, MI); Dawn's parents are Evelyn and Claude Brown (Romulus, Michigan). □



Congratulations

Diane Lynn Banks



There was a time, less than four years ago, when it didn't seem that it would be possible, but when Romulus High School's Class of 1992 graduates on June 7, Diane Lynn Banks will be among those receiving their diplomas.

On Christmas Day, 1988, Diane was rushed to the hospital, where she was diagnosed as having an aneurysm of the brain. She wasn't expected to live through the night.

Well, needless to say, Diane did make it through the night. With determination and help from family, friends, and teachers, Diane is graduating, on time, with her class.

Her family and friends are very proud of her and love her dearly. □

Alexis Antonette Heimberger

Recently named "Most Beautiful Baby" was Alexis Antonette Heimberger.

Alexis, who was born on December 23, 1990, is the daughter of Jim Heimberger (Trenton, MI) and Toni Rodriguez (Detroit, MI).

Since March of this year, Alexis has entered three pageants conducted by the North America Modeling and Talent Association and taken a total of eight trophies. Her recent success has made her eligible to attend the State finals to be held at King's Island from July 1 through July 5, 1992.

Also proud of Alexis are her grandmothers, Donna Louria (Wyandotte, MI) and Lynn Rodriguez (Detroit, MI), and Margaret Meldrum (Romulus, MI), her great-grandmother. In fact, since the arrival of little Alexis, people have taken to calling her "Meldrum's Doll" in reference to the fact that she has great-grandma Margaret, who is well known for her doll collection, wrapped around her finger. □



Obituaries

John A. Shaffer

John A. Shaffer of Romulus, Michigan, died on Tuesday, May 26, 1992. He was 65 years old.

John, who was born in Almont, Michigan, on April 21, 1927, married Ilene S. (Eberlein) Cichowski on March 23, 1974, in New Boston, Michigan. Employed as a machine operator for General Motors, he was a member of the UAW and Westland's VFW Post #3323.

Besides his wife, John is survived by one son, David John Shaffer; six stepsons, Herbert E. Barron and Albert J., Jerry A., Tim D., Randy L., and Bill B. Cichowski; one daughter, Mrs. John (Vicki

Louise) Adams; two brothers, Louis and Steve Shaffer; three sisters, Mrs. Angelo (Mary) Florey, Mrs. Ann Quackenbush, and Mrs. Rose Stawicki; and his mother-in-law, Emma Eberlein. He was preceded in death by five brothers.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, May 30, at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, with the Reverend Robert Allmann officiating. Huron Valley Cemetery (Flat Rock, MI) was the site of interment. Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home.

Memorial tributes may be made to the Church Organ Fund. □

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Rototillers • Snowblowers
Going Out Of Business!
753-9749

CHILD CARE

WILL BABY-SIT
full- or part-time. Wick
School area. References.
Call 941-3964

CHILD CARE
Licensed home, reasonable
rates, Middlebelt and Eureka
area.
Call 941-3688

CHILD CARE
Mother of two-year-old offers
quality child care w/excellent
rates, nutritional meals, and
structured activities.
Call 942-8729

CHILD CARE
Mother will baby-sit in her
home. Cory school area.
Meals included. Reasonable
rates.
Call 941-6716

CHILD CARE
In my home (Belleville/Ro-
mulus area) full- or part-time.
Call 941-1964

WILL BABY-SIT
Mother of 2-year-old offers
excellent nutritional meals &
structured activities. I-94 and
Wayne Road Area.
Call 942-8729 days.

Foster Parents Needed
To provide stable, secure,
family environment for teen-
age youth. Reimbursement
provided for care and ser-
vices. For more information,
call 443-5000. Ask for Jaci.

OLD SPORTS ITEMS
Advanced collector will pay
cash for autographed pic-
tures, autographed base-
balls, autographed footballs,
letters, documents, or any
other sports-related memora-
bilias. Items related to Ty Cobb,
Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, old
Detroit Tigers, or old Negro
League Baseball are primary
collecting interest.
Call 282-3186

CASH PAID
Looking for golf antiques,
wooden shafts, art, photo-
graphs, paper ephemera, sil-
ver, memorabilia, etc.
Call 942-1244 after 5 p.m.
and on weekends.

WANTED
Old fishing lures and old
hunting and fishing license
buttons. Call 753-3381

WANTED
Old, wooden silverware
cases. Any size. Any condi-
tion. Call 942-1716

NOTICES

**ATTENTION DEFICIT
DISORDER ASSOC.**
Will meet on Thursday, June
4, at 7:30 p.m. at the Livonia
Civic Center Library on Five
Mile Rd. just east of Farm-
ington Rd. Michael Merz,
Ph.D., will conduct a work-
shop on social skills and sum-
mer management of the ADD/
ADHD child. This speaker is
sure to have an enjoyable
and beneficial program. Reg-
istration begins at 7:00 p.m.
There is a \$5.00 non-mem-
ber donation.
For Further Information,
Please Call 464-8233.

**ROMULUS SENIOR
CITIZENS CENTER**
Welcomes New Members.
Join Now! Lots of Activities.
Try It - You'll Like It!
36515 Bibbins
942-6852

WALKING CLUB
Join "The Romulus Rovers
Walking Club." For informa-
tion, call 941-2215.

AA MEETINGS
Every Monday at 8:00 p.m.
in Classroom A (basement)
Annapolis Hospital
Westland Center
2345 Merriman, Westland
Never-too-young meetings
are held every Thursday at
8:00 p.m. (same location).
For more information,
Call 467-2300

**VIETNAM VETERANS
OF AMERICA**
is forming a Chapter for the
Belleville area. Call Kathy
Paige, 397-0486, for infor-
mation.

**ROMULUS
1987 5-YEAR
CLASS REUNION**
Saturday, June 6, 1992
Elmer Johnson Park
1:00 p.m. Until?
Bring a Picnic Lunch and
Your Lawn Chairs!
Children Are Welcome.
For more information,
Call Tammy Potter,
459-0501

APPLIANCE SERVICE

**M.D. APPLIANCE
SERVICE**
\$7.00 Service Call
374-1717
or
782-3354
Refrigerators,
Washers, Dryers,
Stoves & Dishwashers

GARAGE SALES

HUGE YARD SALE
June 3 and 4
10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
30880 Ecorse Road
Romulus, MI

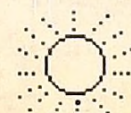
**MOVING OUT OF
STATE SALE**
Everything must go! Furni-
ture, clothes, and loads of
miscellaneous household
goods. Located on Goddard
in downtown Romulus.
Call 942-9671

**7-FAMILY
YARD SALE**
Thurs., Fri., & Sat.,
June 4, 5, & 6
9369 Biddle
Romulus

PERSONAL

JUDY & GREG EVES
You saved my life
Sunday, 5/17/92
Thank you, Hugh

**HAPPY SWEET
"16TH" BIRTHDAY!**
JAMIE (BUDDA)
LOVE,
YOUR SIS ELAINE
(LIDDY)



REWARD
for information leading to the
arrest and conviction of the
person responsible for break-
ing the window of 1985 Blazer
at 34708 Michele, Romulus,
in the early morning of 5/10/
92. Call 941-3579.

MORE HELP WANTED

WANTED
Part-time gardener, 1 to 2
days per week; good pay for
good work; for private home
in New Boston area.
Call 753-4754

HELP WANTED
To learn carpet cleaning.
Must not be wimpy!
Call 942-1215

ANIMALS

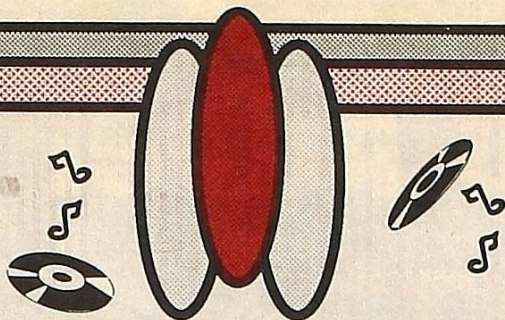
FREE TO GOOD HOME
8-week-old puppies. Lab mix.
Call 729-1113

ADORABLE
Kittens need a good home.
\$5-million or best offer.
Call 728-7266

LOST
MAY 23, 1992
In the area of Wabash Street
- small female cat with mixed
coloring and one pink toe on
one paw (answers to the
name Poody-Woody).
Reward.
Call 942-2787

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RESIDENTS
MAY
ADVERTISE
GARAGE SALES
AND
YARD SALES
FREE
OF CHARGE
IN
THE
ROMULUS NEWS**

JUST CALL
941-3113
Monday
through Friday
10:00 a.m.
to 5:00 p.m.



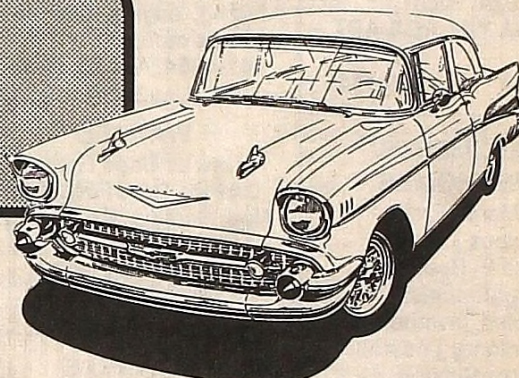
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MEMORIES

OPEN

KARAOKE

AGAIN



OPEN

**"FINALLY"
PARTY
JUNE 5**

**"LIVE"
D.J.**

OLDIES

**GRAND
OPENING
JUNE
12 & 13**

**GAME
ROOM**



292-3330

CORNER OF EGORSE & INKSTER

